UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

RICARDO VELASQUEZ,

Plaintiff.

**ORDER** 

18-CV-10969 (CM) (JW)

-against

KINER'S CORNER LLC., a New York limited liability company, d/b/a TWO BOOTS HELL'S KITCHEN, and GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS, an individual,

Defendants.

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JENNIFER E. WILLIS, United States Magistrate Judge:

On May 25, 2023, this Court issued an order for a joint status update on the deposition of Ms. Fotini Theoharidou and responses to relevant interrogatories. Dkt. No. 135. On May 31, 2023, parties wrote separately to inform the Court that the deposition of Ms. Fotini Theoharidou has not yet occurred, and Ms. Theoharidou responded minimally to requested interrogatories. Dkt. Nos. 136-137. Ms. Fotini Theoharidou, together with Defendants' counsel John DeMaio, are hereby ordered to (i) provide full and complete answers to the written interrogatories request and (ii) appear and sit for a deposition of 7-hours pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30 on July 10, 2023, at 10:30am via Zoom. Plaintiff is directed to file the Zoom information on the docket, serve Ms. Theoharidou with the notice of deposition, and obtain proof of such service by July 6, 2023. Parties are directed to file a joint status update by July 20, 2023, advising the Court of the status of the deposition and

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interrogatories. The Court will <u>not</u> permit the deposition to be rescheduled unless

both parties write jointly with a mutually agreeable date by June 15, 2023.

If Ms. Theoharidou fails to respond or appear for the scheduled deposition, this

Court may issue an order directing the United States Marshal to bring her

before the Court and hold her in prison until such time as she purges her

civil contempt by complying with the subpoena. Any potential contempt can

be avoided by complying with the Court's order and sitting for the scheduled

deposition. The Court may order that Ms. Theoharidou compensate Plaintiff for any

damages resulting from noncompliance.

If Defendants' counsel John DeMaio fails to appear, this Court may issue

sanctions. Additionally, the Court previously held its decision on Defendants'

motion to quash the subpoena of Mr. Papadopoulos at Dkt. 123 in abeyance pending

the deposition of Ms. Theoharidou. Dkt. No. 131. If the deposition does not occur on

July 10, 2023, at 10:30am as ordered, the Court may deny Defendants' motion to

quash.

Plaintiff is instructed to serve this Order upon Ms. Theoharidou and file proof

of service on the docket.

SO ORDERED.

DATED:

New York, New York

June 1, 2023

JENNIFER E. WILLIS

United States Magistrate Judge

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